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FM AMCONSUL BOMBAY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5027

INFO AMEMBASSY ROME

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, ASAF

SUBJ: REPORTED ATTEMPTED AIRCRAFT HIJACKING

REF: STATE 005598 AND A-3973

AN ABORATIVE BID TO HIJACK AN AIR-INDIA (AI) BOEING 747 AIRCRAFT WAS MADE ON DECEMBER 25 ON ITS SCHEDULED FLIGHT FROM BEIRUT TO ROME. DETAILS OF THIS INCIDENT AS OUTLINED IN THE AIRCRAFT HIJACKING REPORT CHECKLIST (SEE ENCLOSURE TO SATE A-3973) ARE AS FOLLOWS ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM AI IN BOMBAY. THE NUMBERING CORRESPONDS WITH THE CHEKLIST QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. DECEMBER 25, 1974
2. AIR-INDIA
3. SCHEDULED CARRIER
4. INDIA
5. AI 105

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6. BOEING 747 "EMPEROR SHAH JEHAN"

7. BOMBAY-BEIRUT-ROME-PARIS-LONDON-NEW YORK
 8. BEIRUT-ROME
 9. 0448 GMT DEPARTURE BEIRUT, 0800 GMT ARRIVAL ROME
 10. 142
 11. 19
 12. NIL
 13. BOMBAY
 14. USUAL SCREENING AT BOMBAY AIRPORT
 15. NORMAL
 16. NORMAL PRESENTATION OF TICKET
 17. ROUND TRIP ECONOMY FARE
 18. SEAT NO.3J IN THE FORWARD AREA
 19. CRUISING ALTITUDE 31,000 FEET, HALFWAY BETWEEN BEIRUT
AND ROME
 20. 0630 GMT
 21. BARGED INTO THE COCKPIT AS THE HOSTESS WAS LEAVING
AFTER TAKING CREW ORDER FOR BREAKFAST.
 22. BRANDISHED A CREW TORCH WHICH HE PICKED UP IN THE
COCKPIT AND ALSO A KNIFE WHICH HE HAD.
 23. SEE ABOVE
 24. ENGLISH
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25. CAPTAIN A.M. KAPUR, COMMANDER; CAPTAIN B.S. SANDHU,
FIRST OFFICER; S.K.DAS GUPTA, FLIGHT ENGINEER.
 26. NIL
 27. THREATENED TO SMASH INSTRUMENT PANEL
 28. FACE TO FACE

29. TRIED SEVERAL TIMES

30. ASKED TO GO TO ROME AND WANTED TO SPEAK TO CHIEF OF
POLICE

31. DID NOT GIVE

32. FEAR OF INSTRUMENTS BEING SMASHED AND INJURY TO CREW

33. PASSENGERS UNAWARE

34. CREW TRIED THEIR BEST

35. HE WAS FINALLY OVERPOWERED BY CREW

36. NOT APPLICABLE

37. NOT APPLICABLE

38. ROME 0800 GMT

39. POLICE CUSTODY OF HIJACKER

40. NIL

41. HIJACKER TAKEN INTO POLICE CUSTODY

42. NAME: JOSEF HOMOLOV, MALE, A CZECHOSLOVAKIAN NATIONAL
WITH A CANADIAN PASSPORT. AGED ABOUT 30. APPEARED TO
BE MENTALLY DERANGED. HAD A BEARD AND LONG HAIR.
DRESSED IN JEANS AND A SPORTS SHIRT.

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43. THIS IS THE FIRST INCIDENT OF ATTEMPTED HIJACKING IN
AIR-INDIA HISTORY.
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